Per contra.—Mr. Amble Anniah Pandit spoke against the multiplication of officers, which was an evil to the people.

Mr. D. S. Hanumantha Rao and several others spoke against the representation.

Dewan:—We do not know how far the experiment of divesting Amildars of magisterial powers has succeeded in preventing failures of justice, but we have experienced certain difficulties, *e.g.*, it has become difficult to enforce village sanitation rules. The proposal, if carried out, will also lead to much increased expenditure. At this stage the sense of the Assembly was ascertained and it appeared that the majority were against the proposal.

Reply of Government.—The proposal is impracticable for the present.

SUBJECT No. 28.

Civil jurisdiction to taluk officers.

Mr. Lakshminaranappa, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—When civil suits for Rs. 25 and less have to be filed, parties have to go a long distance and the cost of such suits will be equal to or even greater than the suit amount. So either the Amildar or the Sheristadar or some non-official gentleman may be appointed to dispose of such suits, till the Village *Panchayet* Scheme is brought into force.

Per contra.—Mr. Malali Venkataramaiya spoke against the proposal as tending to foster litigation.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 29.

Appointment of Honorary Magistrates.

Mr. Seshadri Iyengar, Tumkur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Honorary magistrates may be appointed in towns. This measure will be useful for the easy dispensation of justice. The services of several respectable gentlemen can thus be availed of.

Reply of Government.—The scheme has just been started in Bangalore and Mysore and will be extended to other towns after experience is gained.

SUBJECT No. 30.

The appointment of a Mahomedan Judge in the Chief Court, and a Mahomedan Deputy Commissioner.

Mr. Moulvi Dervish Peer, Anjuman-i-Himayath Islam, Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—A Mahomedan Judge to the Chief Court of Mysore, and a Mahomedan Deputy Commissioner, may be appointed. The request is made not because mahomedans have no confidence in non-Mussalman officers but that Mussalman officers in such high positions will help to extend the spread of education in the community by their example.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 31.

Mukhtyars to appear in criminal courts.

Mr. D. S. Hanumantha Rao, Devanhalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—*Mukhtyars* may be permitted to appear in criminal courts as qualified pleaders are not easily procurable everywhere, and are costly when available.

Reply of Government.—Magistrates have discretion to allow *mukhtyars* to appear according to the circumstances of cases.